

Bombing victim had underworld ties

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(a.m.)," Mrs. Christman said. "At first, I thought it was our neighbor's furnace that exploded.

"I ran outside and saw smoke coming from the car. People were running from the car."

Mrs. Billie Ebington was on her way home after driving her daughter to school and had just turned onto Claytonia when she heard the blast and saw the smoke.

"I saw things flying all around and the car (Spica's) was just shattered," Mrs. Ebington said.

ONE NEIGHBOR, WHO asked not to be named, said she saw Miss Bachelier walk to the door of the duplex and then walk out crying hysterically.

"I walked up to her and Dina said, 'My God, My God. I want him to live. Why? Why?'"

Miss Bachelier then returned to the upstairs of the duplex, the neighbor said.

About a half hour after the explosion, Spica's son, John Stayanov (his mother's maiden name, according to police) arrived at the bombing scene.

"He said, 'that's my dad,'" Richmond Heights Police Capt. Lee Lankford said.

Lankford said Stayanov then went into the duplex. Both Stayanov and Miss Bachelier refused to answer police

questions or allow police into the home.

POLICE EVEN PUT a ladder up to the balcony of the second floor of the duplex and went in through a window in an attempt to question Miss Bachelier and Stayanov, but both refused.

Lankford said Spica had been living in the area for about two years and that about a year ago he had seen Spica and stopped to question him.

"Spica said he wasn't going to cause any kind of trouble for us (the police)," Lankford said.

Unlike the police, Spica's neighbors knew him only as a quiet, polite man who kept mostly to himself.

ALTHOUGH LABORATORY tests were still being conducted Thursday, investigators said there was no doubt dynamite — at least five to eight sticks — was used.

The bomb was attached to the undercarriage of the car and activated by the right taillight, investigators said.

The driver's door was blown 30 yards from the car and some debris from the explosion was found 75 to 100 yards away, police said.

About 100 pounds of debris from the blast were crated and sent to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms laboratory in Washington for analysis.

POLICE SAID THEY had been unable to find a wallet but did find

Spica's driver's license and some money. Police were unsure whether Spica was carrying a wallet. Scattered papers were found in the area and near the body, but their significance had not been determined Thursday night.

Investigators said they had difficulty finding members of the Spica family for questioning and added they hoped to interview Miss Bachelier Friday.

Authorities said they were considering placing Sturghill under hypnosis to see if he could remember anything else he might have seen.

SOME POLICE officials indicated there were definite similarities between the bombing murder of Spica and the May 1967 car bomb slaying of Richard L. Bodecker and the November 1965 car bomb murder of Michael J. Buckley.

Police said Buckley had underworld ties and one police officer described Bodecker as "having so many enemies that he could have been killed by a dozen men."

Authorities said they feel the Spica murder was definitely the work of a professional.

Miss Bachelier's car was parked across the street from Spica's and there were tension-packed moments as experts roped off the area to move spectators back and then checked her



Mrs. Robin Ferretti

... Spica's neighbor

car for explosives. None was found.

The bombing is being investigated by the Major Case Squad and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.